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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

> Column 3, line 43, "has. a" should read --has a--. Column 9, line 34, "law" should read -- jaw--. Column 11, line 6, "rain" should read --ram--.